

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 17-32 and new claim 36 are in the case.

I. THE INTERVIEW

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for kindly agreeing to conduct an interview on this application. The interview held on June 29, 2005, and the courtesies extended by the Examiner were most appreciated. The substance of the interview will be clear from the comments presented below.

II. THE 35 USC 112 REJECTIONS

Claims 17-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement and on indefinite grounds, in light of the definition of "n". In response, and without conceding to the merit of this rejection, the definition of the compound in Section B of claim 17 has been amended to remove the definition of "n" and to refer to the formula disclosed at page 14 lines 15-22 of the originally filed application. As indicated in the Interview Summary Record, amendment of the claims to recite this inventive polymer serves to obviate the outstanding formal rejections. Withdrawal of the those rejections is accordingly respectfully requested.

VI. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTIONS

Claims 17-22, 25, 26 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by British Patent 1211193 to Williams et al. Claims 17-26 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Li et al. Those rejections are respectfully traversed.

As now claimed, the formulation of the present invention comprises a first polymeric compound and a second compound. The first polymeric compound is selected from (A) a compound prepared in a method comprising the steps as set forth in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) of claim 17; or (B) a compound of the formula as set forth in claim 17. Neither Williams nor Li discloses the formulation as now claimed. Accordingly, neither reference anticipates the presently claimed invention.

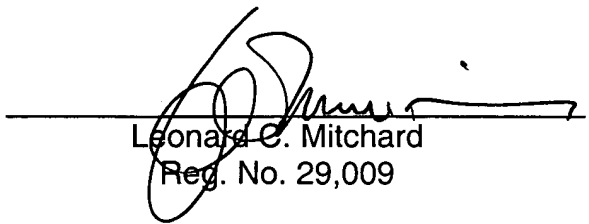
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding anticipation rejections are now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

Allowance of the application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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